(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of answer to sub-division (a).

(4) (a). Yes.

(b) to (f). There was no deviation from the tender notification and there was therefore no new arrangement as presumed by the Member; neither any excess amount had to be spent.

Action taken against the Assistant Engineer.

98. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the canal referred to in question No. 268 of the Legislative Session of 1104 ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter has not been finally disposed of.

Article in the Chitrabhanu containing allegations against the Forest Department.

99. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken in the matter referred to in the answer to question No. 206 (b) of the Budget Session of 1104?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The matter is still under correspondence.

Foreshore improvements.

100. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the main items of expenditure proposed in connection with the improvements to be effected near the foreshore, Ernakulam, and the expansion and dimension of roads, etc., on the western side of the Huzur Office, College, etc.,

(b) the budget provision from which the amounts are being spent;

(c) the names of tenderers with their rates and the names of the contractors ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) (1). Realignment and improvement of the main road from the Christian Hostel up to the Krishna Vilas, opening up a Park, putting up electric lights, improving the Huzur jetty and repairing the revetment wall on the foreshore.

(b) There is no budget provision for any except for improving the Huzur jetty, please vide B. I. No. 299 of P. W. D. budget.

(c) No tenders were called for. All these works were entrusted to the contractor, Mr. S. Sitarama Ayyar, at estimated rates.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know the date on which it was decided that these works should be taken up?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Somewhere in Karkadagam. The exact date I cannot say.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was it before the budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—After the budget.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did not the Government know that these works will have to be taken up even before the preparation of the budget?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the total amount spent for these works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The total amount I cannot say because the final accounts have not been closed. The estimate amount is about 46 thousand rupees.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any amount more than the estimate amount spent?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It cannot be said now as the final accounts have not yet been settled.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Why no tenders were called for?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There was no time because the works were to be completed at the earliest possible time. We were able to complete the works only a day or two previous to the Viceroy's visit. Even if tenders were called for, we would not be able to entrust the works to the lowest tenderer.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How many days does the Government generally take to call for tenders?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It will take at least some 15 or 20 days.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So this work was taken up less than 15 days after it was decided to work it.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It was taken up within 24 hours it was decided to take it up. We did not lose even a single day.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is Mr. Sitarama Ayyar the only contractor in whom the Government has confidence?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—There are others also.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How is it that all these works were entrusted to one and the same contractor?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—What is "*all these works*?" There is only the Foreshore work.

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Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Re-alignment and improvement of the main road from the Christian Hostel up to the Krishna Vilas, opening up a Park, putting up electric lights, improving the Huzur jetty and repairing the revetment wall on the foreshore, all these works were entrusted to one and the same contractor.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In the first place all these works were not entrusted to the contractor, secondly all these works form one estimate and all the works were not done by the contractor. The electric lights were put up departmentally, and the Park was put up and the garden work done by the Superintendent of Agriculture and the iron materials were also supplied departmentally. So all the works were not entrusted to the contractor and these works form one estimate. The Bolghatty work was entrusted to another contractor. Mr. Sitarama Ayyar is not the only contractor during the Viceregal visit but the work was distributed among capable contractors.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Here it is said that all these works were entrusted to Mr. Sitarama Ayyar at estimated rates.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Words do not mean what they are.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was any amount besides the estimate amount spent for any of these works?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The amount of rupees fortysix thousand, which I mentioned, covers all these.

President.—You said all these works were connected and it would be more convenient for one contractor to execute all these works instead of putting in different contractors who would collide with one another.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—All these form one single estimate.

President.—We omitted the Jail jetty.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It formed a separate estimate.

President.—But that also was done by Mr. Sitarama Ayyar.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The Member wanted only the Foreshore works.

President.—All these works are in the Foreshore. But the improving of the Jail jetty is omitted.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The names of the contractors, that was my question.

President.—Mr. Sitarama Ayyar did all these works.

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